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FM AMEMBASSY GABORONE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 8097

INFO AMEMBASSY MASERU

AMEMBASSY MBABANE

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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FOR INSPECTION TEAM LEADER STOKES FROM AMB. BOLEN

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: INSPECTION OF AF/S POSTS

REFERENCE: (A) STATE 115089, (B) STATE 095482

1. APPRECIATE YOUR MESSAGE (REF A) AND LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSIONS AS MENTIONED THEREIN. SCHEDULE FOR GABORONE IS ENTIRELY SATISFACTORY. UNFORTUNATELY, MAY 27 - 31 IS A LONG WEEKEND IN SOUTHERN AFRICA (MAY 27 IS ASCENSION DAY, MAY 31 IS PRESIDENT'S DAY) AND HOTEL DEMAND IS GREAT. HOLIDAY INN IS OVERBOOKED BUT MANAGER HAS PROMISED TO HOLD TWO ROOMS (A SINGLE AND A DOUBLE) FOR YOUR PARTY FROM MAY 25 TO JUNE 2 OR 3. WE ALSO HAVE HIS ASSURANCES THAT THE FIRST FREE ROOM WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO YOU.

WE WILL MAKE AVAILABLE EMBASSY UTILITY VEHICLE (PLYMOUTH STATION WAGON) AND DRIVER FOR YOUR TRAVEL TO JOHANNESBURG JUNE 2 OR 3.

2. DCM MASERU IS SCHEDULED FOR TRANSFER IN EARLY JULY. IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IF TEAM COULD CONSIDER INSPECTING MASERU PRIOR TO MBABANE TO FACILITATE HIS DEPARTURE ON SCHEDULE. PLEASE ADVISE.
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